Tennis Scoring Explained

Tennis uses a different scoring system from most games; here's how it works.

Top Tip:
A point is scored every rally, no matter who is serving!

Points go like this:

Love (0) → 15 (1 point)→ 30 (2 points) → 40 (3 points)→ Game (4 points)

How do you win a game?

- Win at least 4 points
- Be 2 points ahead

What is Deuce?

- 40–40 = Deuce

From Deuce:

- Win 1 point = Advantage
- Win the next point = Game
- Lose the next point = back to Deuce

Score Card Example

- **S = Server** (Julia is the server) **R = Receiver** (Ben is Julia's opponent). The example shows you the score at the end of game 1 when Julia is serving.
- In the example scoresheet below, Julia won the game, and it went to Deuce. They each won a point, and Julia finally won by two clear points.

Game	Name Of server	Umpire Score Sheet									
1	Julia	S	15	30	40	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
		R	15	30	40	R	R	R	R	R	R	R